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NOVEMBER

The wind from the North
Is strong and proud,
And he pounds on my door
In a fashion loud.

—Anne Lawler.

November, which was the ninth month in the ancient Roman calendar, is now the eleventh month, according to the ancient calendar revised. The best known day in November, of course, is Thanksgiving day, but the month has many other interesting anniversay days.

James K. Polk, the eleventh President of the United States, was born in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, on November 2nd, 1795. Warren G. Harding, the 29th President of the United States, was born on November 2nd, in 1865, at Blooming Grove, Ohio. James Garfield, the twentieth President, was born November 19th, 1831, in Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

November is the month in which Congress has arranged national elections and it is also the month in which the anniversary of the Armistice ending World War I is observed. November 11 is still observed in many states and is still a legal holiday, although eventually one day of memory will probably be accepted as a day to remember the end of all recent wars.

The fourteenth President of the United States, Franklin Pierce, was born at Hillsboro, New Hampshire, on November 23rd, 1804. And the twelfth President, Zackary Taylor, was born in Orange County, Virginia, on November 24, 1784.

In addition to the birthday anniversaries of thees Presidents, November is also the month in which such famous Americans as Mark Twain, Walt Whitman, John Harvard and many others were born.

Of all notable days of the month, however, Thanksgiving is the best known. Thanksgiving day dates from 1863, and is now one of the nation's most popular holidays, falling on the last Thursday of the month. This month, then, is one remembered for Thanksgiving, which is especially appropriate in the richest country on earth in a time of unparalleled prosperity.

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DEFENSE DEPARTMENT PAYROLL

Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson has revealed his Department plans to slice some 68,000 civilian employees off the payroll. The Secretary is hoping to make a major contribution toward balancing the budget by this act.

Meanwhile President Eisenhower and Defense Secretary Wilson have said that they do not plan to cut down manpower or the strength of the combat services in the next fiscal year. That means further reductions in the military, as far as combat strength are concerned, are ruled out for the next fiscal year.

We applaud the statement that the military is hoping to eliminate many thousands of civilian jobs. We do not reflect upon the job being done by these civilians, but we have long thought that a number of the civilian employees in the military services could be reduced.

Military spending in the next fiscal year is expected to top $34,000,000,000 again and this means that military spending will make up about half of the U. S. budget, and possibly more.

It is obvious that it is in this field that savings must be made if the budget is to be balanced. Other economies can be made and other departments can trim their spending, but the place where the biggest cuts must be made is the place where most of the money is spent, and that is the Defense Department.

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Now that Ike may not run, the list of highly regarded candidates is steadily growing.

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One thing about the British royal family — there's always a romance around somewhere.

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From where I sit ... *by* Joe Marsh

Last Word in Farm Machinery

Curly Lawson was first in this area to use one of those roadside vending machines. He's sold milk and eggs in one about a year now, and recommends them highly—but with reservations.

"Mine's the latest model," says Curly. "Built-in refrigeration unit—heater—an automatic sign turner-on for night. Takes any combination of coins."

"However," he warned, "those machines aren't cheap to buy . . . or operate. They run about $3500. If you're not on the main highway like I am—where lots of city people pass—you'd better stick to the old methods."

From where I sit, you have to admire Curly for his pioneering spirit. Of course, there's also plenty to be said for those who tend to stick to the old proven methods. People's ideas differ on the subject—on *any* subject. Like *you may always drink buttermilk with your meals . . . while a glass of beer's the "automatic" choice with me.*

Joe Marsh

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ANOTHER REASON FOR MOVING IT

Last Saturday a tragedy marred the homecoming football game at Cary Field, the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va., when a patient at Eastern State Hospital plunged to death from a high point of the stadium wall.

Eastern State should be moved from the heart of Colonial Williamsburg. The State of Virginia has been toying with the removal long enough. The Restoration has made a generous offer to expedite the removal to the new site. Surely, if it does nothing else, the next General Assembly must arouse itself and get this one job done.

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CRYING OVER SPILT MILK

It makes little difference today whether or not General Douglas MacArthur approved of Russian participation in the war against Japan in 1945, and what his statements to various people about this prospect were three or four years preceding Russia's entrance into that war.

Russia entered the war against Japan only about six days before Japan surrendered and, therefore, Russia did make much of a contribution in crushing the Japanese. It is true, however, that Russia's entry was eagerly sought by the United States earlier, and that the military chiefs in Washington thought, at one time, that Russian cooperation and participation in the war would save many hundreds of thousands of American lives.

As it turned out, the United States came up with the atom bomb and after two of them had been dropped on Japan, it was obvious even to the Japanese that resistance to the United States was suicidal.

The Russians were not eager to have Japan surrender so quickly, but since they were technically in the war, they claimed they should have Manchuria, Korea and other spoils, as a victorious participant.

In recent years a hassle has developed because statements attributed to General MacArthur sound as if the General is trying to say he did not favor Russia's entry into the war. The recent release of official documents shows that General MacArthur did favor such participation, and that he stated as much, in line with the views of practically all Americans at the time.

However, he has lately said that if he had been consulted about the Yalta agreements, he would have opposed them. This is entirely possible, but all of it is entirely irrelevant to today's problems. The Yalta Agreement was made, mistake or no mistake, and second-guessing or looking back at the mistakes and saying one would not have made them, is of no avail today.

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TUCK AND ABBITT ON THE SCHOOL PROBLEM

On October 25, the Richmond Times-Dispatch commented on the recently proposed "local option" suggestion of Representatives Tuck and Abbitt. The Richmond newspaper said that "The 'local option' plan, urged as a possible solution of the school problem created by the United States Supreme Court's decision of May, 1954, deserves thoughtful consideration by Governor Stanley's Commission of Education. But whether this plan is feasible would seem to depend entirely on the willingness of the high court to recognize the constitutionality of the democratic premise on which it is based — namely, the right of a State's citizens to exercise autonomy in the administration of school systems financed exclusively by the taxpayers of that State's subdivisions. In suggesting this compromise to the commission, Representatives Tuck and Abbitt have, so to speak, exemplified Virginia's willingness to recognize the function of the Supreme Court as interpreter of the Constitution. At the same time they have frankly notified the Supreme Court of their conviction, that the great majority of Virginians, of both races, will not be coerced into accepting arbitrary directives designed to impose compulsory integration. Mr. Tuck and Mr. Abbitt have, by implication, informed the court that its refusal to recognize the right of local autonomy would wreck the State's public school system....."

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The editor has to put his thoughts in black and white, and that tends to make an intelligent person think twice before he says things carelessly.

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One of the major threats to democracy is the activity of group leaders who would promote class antagonism and create blocs who vote on the basis of prejudice and not on the issues.

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The hot weather is about over. Now you can start worrying about coming fuel bills.

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Unless the signs fail us, this fall is going to be a busy one, businesswise. This is the time of the year when it really pays to advertise.

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The President's heart attack, which no one would have wished, nevertheless has many Democratic hearts beating faster.

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The hurricane forecasters are now coming into their own again.

Hixburg

Hisburg, Nov. 1.- Rev. J. H. Anderson filled his regular appointment at Mathews Baptist Church on Sunday. The discourse was the third of a series on "The Lord's Prayer." The text, "Give us this day our daily bread," showed an utter dependence on God, a quality of which the world is greatly n need.

Mrs. E. W. Gilliam, of Lynchburg and Mrs. Joe Terry and Tommy, of Appomattox, were guests of Miss Mag Hix on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harwood drove to Richmond on Monday. They were accompanied by Miss Carrie Hix, who will remain for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Brockwell, of Newport News spent the week-end at their country home.

Mr. Joel Coleman was 92 on October 20. On the following Sunday, Mrs. Ed McPhillips, his daughter, gave a birthday dinner in his honor. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Coleman, Mc. Jr., and Nancy Gayle; Mrs. R. C. Wilkerson, of Crewe; Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Hawks, and Mr. and Mrs. Watkins McPhillips, of Richmond Mr. and Mrs. Duval Conner, of Appomattox, and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Anderson, of Farmville.

Mrs. DeWitt Goin, Barbara, Margaret Ann, Hunter, Edward and Donald Webb visited DeWitt Goin at Fishersville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Scruggs visited Mrs. DeWitt Goin on Monday night.

'STRANGE OBJECT' EXPLODES

Columbus, Ohio.- Finding a strange-looking object in a building at a golf course where he works, Carl Whalen, 14, used a hammer and nail to pry it open. The resulting explosion sent him to a hospital, rather seriously injured. The object—a dynamite cap.

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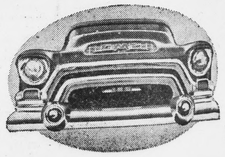

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FARM NEWS

By J. A. Smith
County Agent

S-D Day Important For Rural Residents

Driving Day, December 1, ...ns to be a significant date in ...ds of traffic safety.

Virginia Rural Safety Coun... ...y should be of special in... ...o farm residents because ...tomobile accidents account for ...ss 49% of all accidental ...s of farm people.

...last year's S-D Day proved the ...ed value of such an effort. It ...ed about activity in communi... ...ch had never before cooperated ...h intense safety campaign. ...ing December 1 is several ...ways, the Virginia council ...s it isn't too early for rural ...ity organizations to begin ...ng plans for the most intensive ...ign undertaken on safe ...s. The watchword for this ...ampaign will be "Make ...ay for S-D Day."

...s for S-D observances are ...ble in a free promotion kit. ...ganization may secure a free ...ion kit by making request to ...ty Agent.

...tle Damage Computed

...southern pine beetle, which ...ed havoc in central Virginia in ...of 1954, apparently has sub...ed.

...ough the pine bark beetles ...ed to take a heavy toll ...s throughout the southeast ...ng the severity of outbreaks ...ed.

...er, with the onset of dry ...ther, bark beetle activity is ...ly to increase again. Forest ...ers should be on the alert ...ondition, particularly in ...ons the insects were active ...er and earlier this season, ...the areas affected by re...ations.

...ent 16% aerial strip cruise ...ts made of Albemarle, A...ppomattox, Buckingham, ...Chesterfield, Cumber...mbania, Goochland, Han...nover, Louisa, Nottoway, ...and Prince Edward Coun...ey estimated that 4,500,...feet of shortleaf and ...pine had been killed in ...ously strip of 2,000 acres, ...the fall of 1954 to the late ...of 1955.

...t Season For Topdressing Pasture

...ome pastures with fertilizer ...grasses and legumes are ...immediately after cutting ...e stage, or after they have ...ed.

...ing at those times pre...ing or excessive damage ...regrowth portions of the ...ld, winter, or before growth ...in the spring, is the best ...protection from the stand...ment injury to pasture ...

...ow when the soil is dry ...the tractor, truck, spread...other equipment being used ...ent the soil or leave ruts ...ind.

...the maximum benefits ...fertilization, take care of the ...weeds before applying ...Have the soil tested and ...below a pH of 6.0, apply ...ime to bring it to between ...and pH 6.5.

...ming is especially impor...ant in most areas of ...Favorable moisture con...most parts of the state ...ed in excellent pasture ...This has used up or great...ed any reserve plant food ...have accumulated as a ...the last three dry years.

...good tall grass-ladino ...tall grass - alfalfa-ladino ...es and shortages that occur under present conditions.

A steady flow of hogs to market is needed to provide more stable prices for farmers and permit more efficient use of labor by the packer.

It is a good practice to "top out" your market hogs by selling, each week, the hogs that have reached 200 pounds in weight. This will help to avoid heavy, market-breaking runs, and will reduce the extra lard problem that comes with the heavy-weight market hog. The live handy-weight market hog is a perishable porduct, just as is the pork he yields, and both farmer and processor must sell the product at its best.

A steady supply of hogs for the market throughout the year is the goal in recommending that farmers develop a multiple farrowing program of hog production.

Many farmers will find it convenient to farrow two groups of sows twice a year, with farrowing dates set 90 days apart. The biggest single advantage to this system would be more orderly selling of hogs with less of the seasonal price fluctuation commonly due to extremely heavy market runs. This practice would level the row market also, as sow supplies now vary from as much as 50% to as little as 5% of the total receipts, according to the season.

Multiple farrowing will have production advantages in addition to the removal of market price risks. Smaller groups of sows farrowing at intervals will make more efficient use of farrowing and of feeding equipment, and produce market hogs more uniform in size. Time and labor needed to care for the hogs will also be distributed more evenly.

A second oil-producing formation found in Israel.

Orderly Marketing of Hogs Would Solve Many Problems

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Clover Hill

Clover Hill, Nov. 1.- Deepest sympathy is extended to the C. L. Johnson family in their recent bereavement. "Mr. Pete", or "Grandpa," as he was lovingly called by the children of the community, was a faithful member of his church and a kind and good neighbor. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Mrs. Jimmie Garrett and three daughters, and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Johnson, of Richmond and Ashland, who have been spending sometime in the Johnson home, have returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Morris and children, of Lynchburg, visited Mrs. Luke Ferguson Sunday and were dinner guests Sunday evening of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Richardson and daughters, Jane and Cynthia, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Carter, of Vera.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Holt and daughter, Belvia, of Hurt, are spending several days with Mrs. Holt's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Jenkins.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Arrington and Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hanenkrat spent the week-end with relatives in Richmond. The Hanenkrats visited their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hanenkrat; their nephew and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hanenkrat, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Baldwin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Torrence, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Torrence and family and Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Torrence and son were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Connor, the occasion being the celebration of Mrs. Connor's birthday.

Mr. J. L. Torrence had the misfortune to lose a fine dairy cow this week.

Little James Patrick Quinn celebrated his first birthday Saturday, October 29. Present for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Robertson, of Vera; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Quinn, and Mrs. W. F. Quinn and childern, Nellie, Rebecca and Billy, of Gladstone; Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Coleman and daughter, Joan Marie; and Mr. and Mrs. John Harvey, of Appomattox and Miss Eulelia Robertson, of Charlottesville. "Pat" received many useful gifts.

There will be an all-day meeting of the Clover Hill Home Demonstration Club on Tuesday, November 8, at the home of Mrs. T. M. Richardson. The demonstration will be on foreign foods and each member is asked to prepare and bring, one foreign dish.

Mrs. Irene Gilbert is spending this week with her daughter, Mrs. Bessie Trent.

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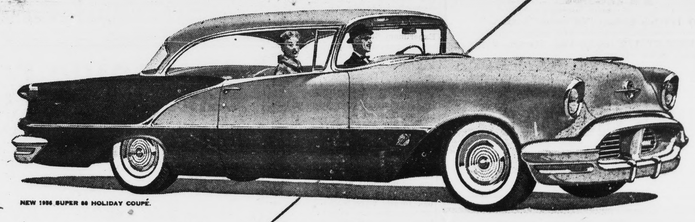

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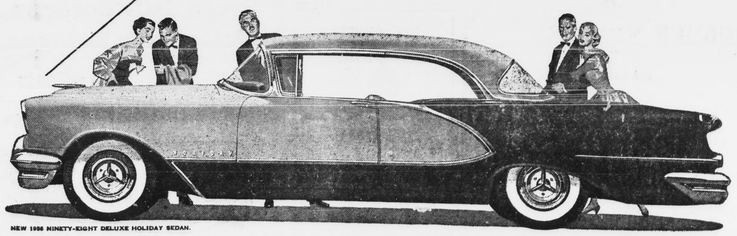

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